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The latest news from Delaware Youth Soccer

Annual Mickey Wherry Recreational Tournament

DYSA is pleased to recognize our winners and runner ups for the Annual Mickey Wherry Recreational Tournament that took place May 2 and 3 at Kent County Parks and Recreation. More than 40 teams participated and enjoyed the added bonus of the Soccer Forward Fest. A huge thank you to our partners Fulton Bank and Dick's Sporting Goods for making it a fun filled day for all participants.

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BY: CHAD REED, DYSA PRESIDENT

THE EXCITEMENT SURROUNDING THE WORLD CUP IS INSPIRING SOCCER FANS EVERYWHERE, AND THAT SAME ENERGY IS BEING FELT THROUGHOUT DELAWARE. THE DELAWARE YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION IS PROUD TO HELP YOUNG ATHLETES DISCOVER A LOVE FOR THE GAME WHILE BUILDING CONFIDENCE, TEAMWORK, AND SPORTSMANSHIP BOTH ON AND OFF THE FIELD.

AS PLAYERS WATCH THE WORLD'S BEST COMPETE ON THE BIGGEST STAGE, MANY YOUNG ATHLETES ARE DREAMING BIGGER THAN EVER BEFORE. DYSA REMAINS COMMITTED TO GIVING EVERY CHILD IN DELAWARE THE OPPORTUNITY TO PLAY, LEARN, AND GROW THROUGH SOCCER. WITH THE SUPPORT OF DEDICATED COACHES, VOLUNTEERS, AND FAMILIES, THE FUTURE OF THE GAME IN DELAWARE CONTINUES TO SHINE BRIGHT.

LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENING STATEWIDE:

- MAY 16-17, 2026 2ND ANNUAL BEACH CUP, RIVER SOCCER COMPLEX
- JUNE 6-7, 2026 ODP EAST REG. TOURNAMENT, NJ & LANCASTER, PA
- JUNE 11-14 2026 PRESIDENT'S CUP, LOUDOUN COUNTY, VA
- JUNE 30, 2026 SWEET FROG EVENT, BEAR, DE
- JULY 18, 2026 HOWARD GERKEN MEMORIAL TOURN., BETHANY BEACH & O.C.
- AUG. 1, 2026 DE FC BEACH 3 V 3 TOURNAMENT, HUDSON FIELDS, MILTON, DE
- AUG. 29-30, 2026 RUSH TO THE SHORE CUP, OCEAN CITY MD

Executive Director's Updates

By: Sebastian Acosta-Nijamkin, Executive Director

Celebrating Soccer Across Delaware

Over the past several weekends, I've had the opportunity to travel throughout Delaware and experience firsthand the incredible work being done across our soccer community. From competitive tournaments to recreational programs and TOPSoccer, it has been inspiring to see the passion, dedication, and energy that continue to drive the game forward in our state.

One of the highlights was attending the DFA Coastal Shootout, where I had the chance to watch teams from five different clubs across Delaware compete. Events like these are a great reminder of the talent and commitment that exist throughout our soccer landscape, while also showcasing the strong sense of community among our clubs and families.

I also spent time at River Soccer Club, where I was able to observe their recreational program, meet with club leadership, and watch their TOPSoccer program in action. Seeing the impact of inclusive soccer opportunities firsthand was incredibly meaningful. This month also marks a major milestone for River Soccer Club as they celebrate 30 years of serving their community. Congratulations to everyone involved with the club, three decades of dedication to youth soccer is an outstanding achievement.

The month concluded with an incredible weekend at the Mickey Wherry Recreational Tournament and Soccer Forward Fest at Kent County. It was exciting to watch recreational players from across the state compete while also engaging with the many activities and activations that made the event special for families and participants alike. These events would not be possible without the hard work of our volunteers, DYSA staff, partners, and supporters.

A special thank you goes out to all of the sponsors who participated and to Kent County Parks and Recreation for hosting both the tournament and Soccer Forward Fest. Their partnership and support continue to help create meaningful experiences for players and families across Delaware soccer. Moments like these reinforce what makes our soccer community so special, the people, the passion, and the shared commitment to creating opportunities for every player in the game.

This month, we're addressing one of today's most critical topics: burnout. From micro-practices for managing stress to building emotional awareness and setting healthier boundaries, this drop is all about helping your teams reclaim energy and prevent burnout before it starts. [Click here](#) to learn more on this topic

Annual Mickey Wherry Recreational Tournament - photos continued



 **MICKEY WHERRY
RECREATIONAL TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONS**
U12 Girls - Kirkwood Sky



 **MICKEY WHERRY
RECREATIONAL TOURNAMENT FINALIST**
U12 Girls - Kirkwood Fury



 **MICKEY WHERRY
RECREATIONAL TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONS**
U14 Girls - Concord Marlins



 **MICKEY WHERRY
RECREATIONAL TOURNAMENT FINALIST**
U14 Girls - Kirkwood Red Devils



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MICKEY'S LEGACY LIVES ON. . . . MICKEY WHERRY SCHOLARSHIP FUND

EACH YEAR, DYSA AWARDS TWO (2) SCHOLARSHIPS TO A BOY MALE AND GIRL FEMALE SOCCER PLAYER FROM THE CLUBS AFFILIATED WITH DYSA FROM RECREATION SOCCER PROGRAMS STATEWIDE THAT EXEMPLIFY THE QUALITIES THAT OUR DEAR FRIEND MICKEY WHERRY STOOD FOR: TEAM SPORTSMANSHIP, DETERMINATION, DEDICATION, AND FAIR PLAY. IN ORDER TO RAISE THE NECESSARY FUNDS, DYSA HOSTS A YEARLY TOURNAMENT IN MICKEY'S HONOR; AS WELL AS A SILENT AUCTION.

LISTED BELOW IS THE CRITERIA FOR THE MICKEY WHERRY SCHOLARSHIP.

DELAWARE YOUTH SOCCER MICKEY WHERRY SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION THE PURPOSE OF THIS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM IS TO ENCOURAGE QUALIFIED HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS REGISTERED IN DELAWARE YOUTH SOCCER TO FURTHER THEIR EDUCATION IN A FOUR-YEAR COLLEGE PROGRAM.

TWO SCHOLARSHIPS WILL BE AWARDED (ONE MALE/ONE FEMALE). AMOUNT AND DETAIL OF EACH SCHOLARSHIP AWARD:

1. EACH SCHOLARSHIP AWARD WILL BE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ 500 PAYABLE JOINTLY THROUGH THE UNIVERSITY OR THE COLLEGE IN ONE INSTALLMENT AT THE BEGINNING OF THE FALL SEMESTER.
2. THE SCHOLARSHIP AWARD IS USED TO HELP DEFRAY THE COST OF TUITION AND FEES AT ANY ACCREDITED COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY.
3. WHILE AT COLLEGE, THE RECIPIENTS ARE EXPECTED TO MAINTAIN GOOD ACADEMIC AND DISCIPLINARY STANDING. THEY ALSO MUST SHOW A COMMITMENT TO PROMOTE SOCCER BY VOLUNTEERING, COACHING, REFEREEING OR PLAYING IN A SOCCER PROGRAM AT COLLEGE OR A LOCAL COMMUNITY.

APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY:

1. HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS ATTENDING PUBLIC AND NON-PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS WITHIN DELAWARE YOUTH SOCCER WHO ARE REGISTERED RECREATIONAL PLAYERS, COACHES OR REFEREES IN THE ASSOCIATION WILL BE ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROGRAM.
2. APPLICANTS MUST MEET SCHOLARSHIP AND OTHER ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR ENTRANCE INTO ANY ACCREDITED COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY.
BASIS OF SELECTION: 1. APPLICANTS MUST COMPLETE AND SUBMIT THE ATTACHED APPLICATION FORMS ALONG WITH AN UNOFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT OF THEIR HIGH SCHOOL RECORDS ON/OR BEFORE JUNE 15, 2026 TO THIS ADDRESS: DELAWARE YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION, P.O. Box 48, Middletown, DE 19702

2. APPLICANTS MUST OBTAIN A STATEMENT FROM THEIR GUIDANCE COUNSELOR OR HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL REGARDING THEIR SCHOLASTIC ABILITY, LEADERSHIP AND CHARACTER, AND MAIL IT UNDER A SEPARATE COVER TO THE ABOVE ADDRESS. APPLICANTS MAY ALSO SUBMIT A MAXIMUM OF TWO LETTERS FROM COACHES, MENTORS OR COMMUNITY LEADERS TO VALIDATE QUALITIES IN LEADERSHIP AND CHARACTER. PLEASE INCLUDE YOUR NAME ON ALL MATERIAL SENT TO THE COMMITTEE.
3. THE SELECTION OF THE WINNERS WILL BE BASED ON SCHOLASTIC ACHIEVEMENT, COMMUNITY SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP ABILITY. SELECTION TO BE MADE BY A COMMITTEE THAT CONSISTS OF PEOPLE WHO ARE NOT RELATIVES OF ANY OF THE CANDIDATES AND WILL ALSO CONSIST OF PEOPLE OUTSIDE OF DELAWARE YOUTH SOCCER.
4. SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS WILL BE NOTIFIED BY JULY 1, 2026. CHECKLIST: ____ COMPLETE ATTACHED APPLICATION (WITH PERSONAL STATEMENT & PLAYING HISTORY) AND SEND TO DELAWARE YOUTH SOCCER. ____ ACADEMIC RECORD (GPA/STANDARDIZED TEST SCORES IN ADDITION TO UNOFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT) ____ STATEMENT FROM GUIDANCE COUNSELOR/PRINCIPLE UNDER SEPARATE COVER. ____ LETTER(S) OF RECOMMENDATION (TWO MAX)

[CLICK HERE FOR THE MICKEY WHERRY APPLICATION](#)

DELAWARE'S WORLD CUP WATCH PARTY TICKETS

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FAIRGROUNDS

06.26.26

URUGUAY VS. SPAIN

DELAWARE STADIUM

07.19.26

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SUMMER SOCCER CAMP
5 LOCATIONS

- Sussex Academy**
-June 15-18, 2026
-9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
- Dover Middle School**
-June 15-17, 2026
-9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
- Lake Forest**
-June 22-25, 2026
-9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
- CR**
-July 6-8, 2026
-9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
- DE Turf**
-July 20-22, 2026
-9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

After Care Available at **Lake Forest & SAS**

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Early Bird Pricing until May 31st

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Route 1 Sports Summer Soccer Camps

Route 1 Sports is excited to offer Summer Soccer Camps across Delaware during Summer 2026. Camps are designed for players of all skill levels and focus on technical development, creativity, small-sided games, and creating a fun learning environment for players.

Open to boys and girls of all experience levels, camp sessions will include skill development, ball mastery, finishing, competitions, and game play led by experienced coaches and staff.

2026 Camp Locations

- Sussex Academy — June 15–18, 2026
- Dover Middle School — June 15–17, 2026
- Lake Forest High School — June 22–25, 2026
- Caesar Rodney High School — July 6–8, 2026
- DE Turf Sports Complex — July 20–22, 2026

Additional Information

- Early bird pricing available through May 31
- After care available at select locations
- Limited spots available
- Full day and half day options available at select locations

More information and registration:

<https://route1sports.org/community-outreach/camps-events/>

Questions: zach.hearn@route1sports.org

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